

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 476

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the transplanting of wolves  
7 to other states."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. (a) The legislature finds that the  
10 wolf (Canis lupus) is a unique wilderness animal whose existence has been  
11 eradicated through mismanagement in most of the United States, but whose  
12 numbers have remained abundant in Alaska.

13 (b) The legislature further recognizes the increasing concern from  
14 other states for the continued well-being and perpetuation of this valuable  
15 fur bearing animal, which is widely acknowledged to be a valuable link in  
16 the food chain of its habitat.

17 (c) In view of the findings of (a) and (b) of this section, it is con-  
18 sidered necessary by the legislature to provide, by the use of funds under  
19 the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act of September 2, 1937 (16 USC  
20 secs. 669-669i), for the transplanting of wolves to those states which have  
21 removed their bounties on wolves and are not presently being benefited by a  
22 substantial wolf population. The goal of this program is to give all persons  
23 a first-hand opportunity to enjoy this interesting and valuable natural  
24 resource.

25 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 16.35.210. TRANSPLANTING OF WOLVES TO OTHER STATES. (a)

27 The department shall adopt a program of transplanting wolves to states  
28 in which they have been depleted and do not presently occur.

29 (b) After determining that a state is eligible under this section,

1 the department shall obtain 100 wolves and place them in the receiving  
2 state. An attempt shall be made to undertake at least one transplant  
3 of 100 wolves each year.

4 (c) In the determination of the department, no state which has  
5 a substantial population of wolves as of the effective date of this  
6 section or which has a bounty on wolves is eligible for a transplant  
7 under (a) and (b) of this section.  
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